

Regulatory Sub-Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Regulatory Sub-Committee held in Committee Room No.1, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **18th April 2023 at 09.30am.**

Present:

Cllr. Michael (Chair);

Cllrs. Burgess.

Apology:

Cllr. L.Suddards.

Also Present:

Environmental Protection & Licensing Team Leader, Licensing Officer, Principal Litigator, Member Services Officer.

Appellant.

379 Election of Chair

Resolved:

That Councillor Michael be elected as Chair for this Meeting of the Regulatory Sub-Committee.

380 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on the 13th December 2022 at 09.30 and 13.30 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

381 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, as it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure of exempt information hereinafter specified by reference to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

382 Review of a Private Hire Drivers Licence

The Councillors and Officers present were introduced. The Chair welcomed all present and explained the procedure to be followed. The Sub-Committee Members confirmed that they had received and read the agenda papers. It was also confirmed that they had received the document supplied by the driver and this had been read prior to the commencement of the Sub-Committee meeting.

The Licensing Officer had submitted a report which outlined the case. He went through the case and explained the decision to review the Appellants Private Hire Drivers licence. He drew attention to the relevant parts of Guidance and Ashford Borough Council's Taxi Licensing Policy, and outlined the options available to the Sub-Committee.

The Appellant then put his case to the Committee.

The Sub-Committee then retired to make its decision.

On the Sub-Committee's return, the Chair read out the 'Decision and Reasonings Statement' that had been prepared by the Regulatory Sub-Committee. A copy of this was given to the Appellant and would also be sent to all present, along with the Minutes and decision letter.

Resolved:

- 1. That the appellant's license be suspended for a minimum period of six months.**
- 2. That the appellant undertakes the completion of a taxi driver remedial course within that six month period such as that provided by the following Blue Lamp Trust- <https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk/taxi-driver-remedial-course/> and submission of the attendance certificate be sent to the Councils Licensing Officer upon said attendance. Should a course not be undertaken, the suspension will continue until a suitable course is undertaken or the license expires.**